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PREFACE

The Directory of Interim Committees was originally published by the Legislative Council each biennium simply as a list of members of interim study committees. However, there are many other legislative committees in existence, a listing of which seemed to be much in demand.

We have attempted to compile the names, membership, statutory or other citation, and purpose or mandate of each legislative committee that will be active over the next biennium. In addition, we have included names and telephone numbers of staff.

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We hope you find the Directory useful and we appreciate comments and/or suggestions.

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Executive Director
Legislative Council

*Please note that at this writing some interim subcommittees have not yet organized and elected chairmen and vice-chairmen. In addition, the Council is in the process of hiring an additional researcher to staff two subcommittees. This information will appear in the Interim Newsletter.

INTERIM STUDY SUBCOMMITTEES

INTRODUCTION

By Robert Person

Inception of an Interim Study Subcommittee

A study is first requested in a Joint Resolution adopted by the Legislature. The use of the Joint Resolution for this purpose is authorized by Joint Rule 6-1(2)(b) on page 23 of the Joint Rules. Section 5-5-217 of the Montana Code Annotated requires the Legislative Council to prepare a list of study resolutions adopted and distribute it to all the Legislators with a request that the studies be prioritized. This happens immediately after the session. Following the requirements of the same section of law, the Legislative Council then designates the subcommittees to which studies are to be assigned. The Speaker and the Committee on Committees then appoint members. Section 5-5-211 of the Code provides that four members of each House be appointed. No more than two members from a House may be from one political party.

Assignment of Staff

The Research and Reference Services Division of the Legislative Council has primary responsibility for providing staff support to the interim subcommittees. A principal staff member is assigned to each subcommittee from among the research staff. Assignments are based upon the experience, training, other work requirements, and interests of the several staff members. In addition to the researcher, the Council assigns one of the staff attorneys from the Legal Services Division to provide legal support to the principal staffer and to the committee. This attorney is available to provide legal advice and research. The Legislative Council is further authorized by Section 5-11-111 of the Code to employ the services of any research agency it considers necessary to discharge its duties.

Calling the First Meeting

There is no rule or law that governs how the first meeting should be called. Tradition and protocol have dictated that the senior senator appointed to the interim subcommittee will serve as acting chairman for the purpose of calling the first meeting and presiding over the selection of a permanent chairman. In practice, the acting chairman and staff work together to find a date as convenient as possible for the members and staff.

Selecting the Chair

The selection of committee officers is the first order of business for an interim committee. Section 5-5-213 provides that each subcommittee shall elect its chairman and vice-chairman from among its members. The chairman and vice-chairman may not be members of the same political party.

Conducting the Study

The study, its direction, content, and conclusions are those of the committee rather than the staff. The purpose of the staff is to assist the committee to conduct the best study possible. Staff plays as large or small a role in the process as the committee desires. Staff does its best to assist the committee to accomplish the interim study purpose of pursuing assigned public policy questions so as to discover all facts relevant to the question, to discuss and evaluate those facts, and to formulate policy recommendations representing the synthesis of those facts and political judgments. It is a duty of staff to present a proposed study design and work plan to the committee for its consideration at the first meeting. Depending on how clear and focused the study resolution is, this staff effort may be sufficient to guide the study. In other cases, the committee may have to give considerable time and thought to perfecting the plan. In any event, it is finally a committee responsibility to adopt a plan and a committee prerogative what the plan contains.

Committee Budget

The number of meetings a committee can hold is dependent on its budget. Its budget is a share of the total \$75,000 appropriated to the Legislative Council to support such activities. A preliminary amount has already been allocated to each committee based on a staff estimate of the number of meetings each committee will need to hold. A final budget allocation will be determined following adoption of work plans. The budget allocation thus may become a process of negotiation between the Legislative Council and the committees over limited resources.

Submission of Final Report

At the completion of a study the staff will prepare a final report for the committee that will contain a recount of what the committee found in its study, supporting documents as required, and copies of legislation recommended for adoption by the committee. Sufficient copies are printed to meet the anticipated demand for distribution to the Legislature and members of the public as well as libraries and interstate groups who follow such things.

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON BUSINESS

Study Resolution: HJR 48

The Joint Subcommittee on Business was assigned to study how to improve the economic environment in Montana in light of recent bankruptcies, closures, and other economic setbacks resulting in mass unemployment. The Committee is to study the free enterprise concept as it applies to Montana, analyze the tax system and investment and loan programs as they relate to Montana business, develop guidelines for legislators, and suggest deregulation or regulation to improve Montana's economy.

Subcommittee Membership:

Rep. Chuck Cozzens,
Chairman
Rep. Joe Quilici,
Vice-Chairman
Rep. Helen O'Connell
Rep. David O'Hara

Sen. Bruce Crippen
Sen. William Hafferman
Sen. George McCallum
Sen. Thomas Towe

Staff:

, Researcher

Greg Petesch, Attorney

Telephone: 449-3064

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Study Resolution: HJR 34

The Joint Subcommittee on Education was assigned to study the school foundation program to determine if it meets constitutional muster. The Committee was directed to study ways to relieve pressure on local voted levies and the relationship between accreditation standards and funding.

Subcommittee Membership:

Sen. Chet Blaylock
Sen. Bob Brown
Sen. Pat Regan
Sen. Stan Stephens

Rep. Esther Bengtson
Rep. Gene Donaldson
Rep. Ralph Eudaily
Rep. John Vincent

Staff:

Andrea Merrill, Researcher
Lee Heiman, Attorney
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JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Study Resolution: HJR 47

The Joint Subcommittee on Fish and Game was assigned to review the operation and management objectives of the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, its Director, staff and specialists, and review that Department's land acquisition policies.

Subcommittee Membership:

Sen. Harry Berg
Sen. Judy Jacobson
Sen. Ed Smith
Sen. Pete Story

Rep. Orval Ellison
Rep. L. H. Nilson
Rep. Glenn Roush
Rep. Chris Stobie

Staff:

, Researcher

Russ Josephson, Attorney

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JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS

Study Resolution: HJR 56

The Joint Subcommittee on Highways was assigned to study the administration and operation of the Department of Highways, including the relationship between the Highway Commission and the Department, the accountability for decisions, and the flow of authority from the Commission to the Director and staff.

Subcommittee Membership:

Rep. John Harp,
Chairman

Rep. Paul Kropp

Rep. Paul Pistoria

Rep. Steve Waldron

Sen. Jack Healy,
Vice-Chairman

Sen. Roger Elliott

Sen. Lawrence Stimatz

Sen. Larry Tveit

Staff:

Paul Verdon, Researcher

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JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Study Resolutions: SJR 29 and HJR 20

Under SJR 29, the Joint Subcommittee on Human Services was assigned to study the treatment of youth in Montana's juvenile system, including overall financing, the Youth Court, community treatment, counseling, and services for emotionally disturbed and chemically dependent youth.

Under HJR 20, the Subcommittee was assigned to study the functions and staffing of the Department of Institutions to determine if services are adequate, meet statutory requirements, and are efficiently provided. The Committee was instructed to specifically study the efficiency and effectiveness of the Central Administrative Office of the Department.

Subcommittee Membership:

Rep. Kerry Keyser,
Chairman

Rep. Francis Bardanouve

Rep. R. Budd Gould

Rep. Red Menahan

Sen. Bill Norman,
Vice-Chairman

Sen. Mike Halligan

Sen. Jan Johnson

Sen. Jesse O'Hara

Staff:

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JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Study Resolutions: SJR 2 and SJR 30

Under SJR 2, the Joint Subcommittee on Judiciary was assigned to study restructuring Montana's judicial districts and establishing a statewide district attorney system and a statewide public defender system.

Under SJR 30, the Subcommittee was assigned to study delays in the criminal justice system caused by appellate relief.

Subcommittee Membership:

Sen. Gary Aklestad,
Chairman
Sen. Steve Brown
Sen. Allen Kolstad
Sen. Joseph Mazurek

Rep. Michael Keedy,
Vice-Chairman
Rep. Aaron Andreason
Rep. Aubyn Curtiss
Rep. Gerald Kessler

Staff:

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JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Study Resolutions: HJR 33 and HJR 27

Under HJR 33, the Joint Subcommittee on Transportation was assigned to study all phases of the transportation industry in Montana, including the probable effect of deregulation.

Under HJR 27, the Subcommittee was assigned to study commercial transportation problems in Montana, including motor carriers, rail carriers, and air carriers.

Subcommittee Membership:

Rep. John Shontz,
Chairman
Rep. Verner Bertelsen
Rep. Glenn Jacobsen
Rep. Carl Seifert

Sen. Mark Etchart,
Vice-Chairman
Sen. Paul Boylan
Sen. Gary Lee
Sen. Dave Manning

Staff:

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Katherine Orr, Attorney
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STATUTORY COMMITTEES RECEIVING
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF ASSISTANCE

ADMINISTRATIVE CODE COMMITTEE

Statutory Citation: Title 5, chapter 14, MCA

The Administrative Code Committee was established in 1975 as a permanent joint committee to review all proposed rules and amendments filed with the Secretary of State under the Administrative Procedure Act (Title 2, chapter 4, MCA). The powers of the Committee are set forth in Part 4 of chapter 4, Title 2, MCA.

Committee Membership:

Rep. Chris Stobie,
Chairman
Rep. Fritz Daily
Rep. Hal Harper
Rep. James Schultz

Sen. Lawrence G. Stimatz,
Vice-Chairman
Sen. H. W. Hammond
Sen. Pete Story
Sen. Bill Thomas

Staff:

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CAPITOL BUILDING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Statutory Citation: Title 5, chapter 17, MCA

The Capitol Building and Planning Committee was created in 1971 and reorganized in 1979 to establish and maintain a master plan for the orderly development of state buildings in Helena. Chapter 608, Laws of 1981, increased the size of the Committee and expanded the Committee's responsibilities concerning renovation and remodeling of the Capitol.

Committee Membership:

Rep. Bobby Spilker,
Chairman
Rep. W. Jay Fabrega
Rep. Dan W. Harrington
Rep. Joe F. Kanduch
Rep. Bob Marks
Rep. Jerry Metcalf

Sen. Carroll Graham,
Vice-Chairman
Sen. Chet Blaylock
Sen. Max Conover
Sen. Jan Johnson
Sen. S. A. Olson
Sen. Pete Story

Morris Brusett, Director
Department of Administration
Phil Hauck, Administrator
Architecture & Engineering Division
Dave Lewis, Governor's Office
Gus Byrom, Lewis & Clark Areawide
Planning Organization (ex officio, non-voting)

Staff:

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COAL TAX OVERSIGHT SUBCOMMITTEE

Statutory Citation: Chapter 619, L. 1979, and Chapter 587, L. 1981

The Coal Tax Oversight Subcommittee of the Revenue Oversight Committee was established by Chapter 619, Laws of 1979, through the biennium ending June 30, 1981. The Subcommittee was continued to June 30, 1983 by Chapter 587, Laws of 1981. The Subcommittee reviews programs financed by coal severance tax funds and considers other matters relating to coal taxation. The Subcommittee reports and makes recommendations to the Revenue Oversight Committee; however, members of the Subcommittee are not members of the Revenue Oversight Committee.

Subcommittee Membership:

Sen. Roger H. Elliott
Sen. Dave Manning

Rep. Glenn Roush
Rep. Cal Winslow

Staff:

Jim Oppedahl, Researcher
Cort Harrington, Attorney
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REVENUE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Statutory Citation: Title 5, chapter 18, MCA

The Revenue Oversight Committee was created in 1979 to review proposed rules of the Department of Revenue and exercise legislative oversight over that Department. The Committee also investigates and reports on any other matters concerning taxation. During the 1981-83 biennium, the Committee will be investigating the property tax appraisal system.

Committee Membership:

Sen. Thomas Towe,
Chairman
Sen. Bob Brown
Sen. Jack Galt
Sen. Bill Norman
Sen. Patrick Ryan
Sen. Jean Turnage

Rep. Jay Fabrega,
Vice-Chairman
Rep. Herb Huennekens
Rep. Kenneth Nordtvedt
Rep. John Shontz
Rep. Robert Sivertsen
Rep. J. Melvin Williams

Staff:

Jim Oppedahl, Researcher
Cort Harrington, Attorney
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SELECT COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Statutory Citation: HJR 62, Laws of 1981

The temporary Select Committee on Indian Affairs was appointed as a result of House Joint Resolution No. 62, Laws of 1981, requesting such a Committee to promote tribal/state and tribal/local government cooperation and understanding and to act as a liaison between the Indians and the Legislature. The Conference Committee on HB 500, 1981, in Report No. 2, added \$10,000 to the Legislative Council budget to fund this Committee. The Committee has a mandate similar to that of the Select Committee created by SJR 1, 1979.

Committee Membership:

Sen. Max Conover
Sen. Carroll Graham
Sen. Harold Nelson
Sen. Larry Tveit

Rep. Tom Asay
Rep. Tom Conroy
Rep. Roland Kennerly
Rep. Carl Seifert

Staff:

Anne Brodsky, Researcher

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WATER RESOURCES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Statutory Citation: Chapter 609, Laws of 1981

The temporary Water Resources Oversight Committee was created by Chapter 609, Laws of 1981, to oversee state agency efforts charged with developing and managing Montana's water resources, including the water development program established by Chapter 505, Laws of 1981. The Committee will also continue the work of the Water Resources and Adjudication Oversight Committee created by Chapter 708, L. 1979, in overseeing the implementation of the water rights and adjudication system provided for in Title 85, chapter 2, MCA.

Committee Membership:

Sen. Paul F. Boylan

Sen. Mark Etchart

Sen. Tom Hager

Sen. Lawrence G. Stimat

Rep. Hubert Abrams

Rep. Ted Neuman

Rep. Audrey Roth

Rep. Bob Thoft

Staff:

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PERMANENT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL

Statutory Citation: Title 5, chapter 16, MCA

The Environmental Quality Council is required to review and appraise state programs and activities related to the environment to insure compliance with the Montana Environmental Policy Act (Title 75, chapter 1, MCA). In addition to its other duties, during the 1981-83 biennium the Council will study the social and economic impact of hard-rock mining in accordance with HJR 66, Laws of 1981, since this study was not one of those funded by the Legislative Council as an interim study.

Council Membership:

Rep. Dennis Iverson,
Chairman
Rep. Dave Brown,
Vice-Chairman
Rep. Gay Holliday
Rep. Dean Switzer

Sen. Dorothy Eck
Sen. Harold Dover
Sen. Michael Halligan
Sen. Gary Lee

Mr. Leslie Pengelly
Mr. Dennis Nathe

Staff:

Deborah Beaumont Schmidt, Executive Director

Telephone: 449-3742

LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Statutory Citation: Title 5, chapter 13, MCA

The Legislative Audit Committee appoints a Legislative Auditor who, with a staff of about 60, audits the financial affairs of each state agency and other organizations receiving state funds. The audit staff also conducts program audits to test the efficiency and effectiveness of agencies in administering governmental programs. The audit staff is responsible for the conduct of sunset audits on a schedule provided by statute.

Committee Membership:

Sen. Matt Hims1,
Chairman
Sen. Chet Blaylock
Sen. Steve Brown,
Secretary
Sen. Frank Hazelbaker

Rep. Kathleen McBride,
Vice-Chairman
Rep. Robert Anderson
Rep. Jim Burnett
Rep. Steve Waldron

Staff:

James H. Gillett, Acting Legislative Auditor

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LEGISLATIVE CONSUMER COMMITTEE

Statutory Citation: Title 5, chapter 15, MCA

The Legislative Consumer Committee appoints a Consumer Counsel who represents the utility and transportation consuming public of Montana before the Public Service Commission, state and federal courts, and administrative agencies in matters concerning companies regulated by the Public Service Commission.

Committee Membership:

Sen. Allen Kolstad,
Chairman
Sen. Paul Boylan

Rep. Joe Quilici,
Vice-Chairman
Rep. Earl Lory

Staff:

James C. Paine, Consumer Counsel
Frank E. Buckley, Utility Analyst
John C. Allen, Staff Attorney
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Statutory Citation: Title 5, chapter 11, MCA

The Legislative Council is Montana's general legislative services agency. The Legislative Council provides management, legal research, accounting, and code publishing services to the Legislature as follows:

1. The Management and Business Services Division maintains all bookkeeping records; prepares all legislative claims and payrolls; requisitions all printing, supplies, and equipment; and serves the House and Senate during a legislative session.

2. The Research and Reference Services Division and the Legal Services Division have many of the same responsibilities. Both divisions perform general and specialized research and reference and information functions. Staff members from both divisions may assist in the preparation of the Legislative Review, staff legislative committees during the session and throughout the interim, draft legislation, prepare legislative and staff reports, and provide information on the legislative process to the public.

During the interim, the Legal Services Division is primarily responsible for publication and updating of the Montana Code Annotated. The Research and Reference Services Division is primarily responsible for interim subcommittee staffing.

The Research and Reference Services Division maintains a reference library containing items of special interest to legislators and legislative staff. The library maintains a liaison with other libraries to help make information available as quickly as possible.

3. The Legislative Services Division is responsible for clerical preparation of introduced bills, for engrossing and enrolling of bills, and for printing and mailing of the bills. This division uses a computerized word processing system in order to operate with a high degree of effectiveness and accuracy with a relatively small staff of copy editors, typists, and proofreaders. This division is also responsible for publication of the legislative journals, the combined final status, of a numerical compilation of code sections affected by the session laws, and the final session laws. The computerized word processing system is also used in the publication of the Montana Code Annotated.

4. The Code Commissioner supervises the continuing codification, indexing, rearranging, and general updating of the Code. Annotations, including case notes to federal and state court decisions and other material useful to MCA users, are published separately from the statutes in a loose-leaf format that may be easily updated.

Council Membership:

Sen. Pat Goodover,
Chairman
Sen. Carroll Graham
Sen. Joseph Mazurek
Sen. Jesse O'Hara

Rep. John Vincent,
Vice-Chairman
Rep. Burt Hurwitz
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LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Statutory Citation: Title 5, chapter 12, MCA

The Legislative Finance Committee employs a Legislative Fiscal Analyst and staff whose duties are to provide information bearing upon the financial matters of state government, estimate revenue from state taxes, analyze the executive budget, and generally assist the Legislature in all matters of compiling and analyzing financial information.

Committee Membership:

Sen. Ed Smith, Chairman	Rep. Tom Conroy, Vice-Chairman
Sen. Gary Aklestad	Rep. Francis Bardanouve
Sen. Jack Haffey	Rep. Esther Bengtson
Sen. George McCallum	Rep. Gene Donaldson
Sen. Pat Regan	Rep. Bob Marks
Sen. Fred Van Valkenburg	Rep. Jack Moore

Staff:

Judy Rippingale, Acting Legislative Fiscal Analyst

Education, Curt Nichols, Senior Analyst
Bruce Shively, Assistant Analyst

Legislative, Judicial & Administrative
Natural Resources, JanDee May, Senior Analyst
Norm Rostocki, Associate Analyst
Barbara Bartell, Assistant Analyst

Human Services, Judy Rippingale, Principal Analyst
Ray Hoffman, Senior Analyst
John Bebee, Associate Analyst

Economic Demographic Analysis
and Data Processing, George St. George, Senior Analyst
Judy Curtis, Associate Analyst

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OTHER INTERIM COMMITTEES

COAL TAX ADVOCACY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Statutory Citation: HB 828, L. 1981

House Bill No. 828, 1981, appropriated \$500,000 to the Governor's office for the purpose of advocating the state's opposition to federal legislation that would prohibit or diminish the state's right to levy a 30% tax on coal mined within Montana's borders. The bill created a four-member legislative oversight committee to oversee the use of the appropriation and to advise the Governor concerning the hiring of consultants or lobbyists and setting policy.

Committee Membership:

Sen. Stan Stephens,
Chairman
Sen. Chet Blaylock

Rep. Harrison Fagg
Rep. John Vincent

Staff:

Governor's Office

Telephone: 449-3111

LEGISLATIVE ENERGY POLICY COMMITTEE

Statutory Citation: 90-4-303, MCA

The Energy Policy Committee was established in 1979 to advise the Governor in developing provisions for allocation, conservation, and consumption of energy during conditions of energy supply alert or emergency.

Committee Membership:

Sen. Harry Berg
Sen. Chet Blaylock
Sen. Harold Dover
Sen. Jean Turnage

Rep. James Azzara
Rep. Aubyn Curtiss
Rep. Dan Kemmis
Rep. Bob Marks

Staff:

Governor's Office

Telephone: 449-3111

INTERSTATE COOPERATION ORGANIZATIONS

THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS
(CSG)

Statutory Citation: Title 5, chapter 11, part 3, MCA

The Legislative Council is designated by 5-11-301, MCA, as the Montana Commission on Interstate Cooperation and, as such, a member of the Council of State Governments, an organization of all the states and territories of the U.S. The primary mission of CSG is to promote and strengthen state government in the American federal system. More specifically, Montana is a member of the Western Conference (13 states) of CSG. The purpose of the Conference is to foster and encourage intergovernmental cooperation in the West through joint consideration of common problems. The basic work of the Conference is accomplished through study committees. Legislative members on such committees are appointed by the Legislative Council. They have 2-year terms.

The Western Conference organizational structure is presented in the following chart:

WESTERN CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP AND ANNUAL MEETING

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION

Public Lands Committee

Water Policy Committee

Energy and Minerals Development
Committee

Energy Conservation and Renewable
Resources Committee

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND
HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION

Transportation Committee

Corrections Committee

Hazardous Materials Committee

International Trade Committee

Staff: Staffing for the Western Conference organization is provided by the Western Office. There are seven staff positions authorized within the Western Office budget. State legislative staff also assist in the work of the Conference on a selective, time-limited basis.

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San Francisco CA 94108

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WESTERN CONFERENCE 1980-1982 BUSINESS CALENDAR

Year 1 (Election Year 1980-81)

September/October (1980)	Annual Meeting and Work Plan organization and program development
January/February (1981)	Appointments and Appropriations leadership and fiscal support
March/April (1981)	Staff/Committee Chair Meetings issues and agenda
May/June (1981)	Committee Meetings issue research, analysis and discussions
Aug. 23-26, 1981 Reno, Nevada	Annual Meeting - Year 1 committee program report and conference, policy resolutions

Year 2 (Short Session Year 1981/82)

November/December (1981)	Committee Meetings issue research, analysis and discussion
April/May (1982)	Committee Meetings issue research, analysis and discussion
June/July (1982)	Committee Report Preparation research and analysis documentation
September/October (1982) Salt Lake City, Utah (date not set)	Annual Meeting - Year 2 final biennium committee reports, conference policy resolutions, and new program recommendations

MONTANA COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 1981-1982

WESTERN CONFERENCE
OF
COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS

CSG Governing Board

Each state is asked to appoint two legislators, one from each House of the Legislature.

The CSG Governing Board is the organizational policy-setting and operational oversight body for the national organization.

Montana Members:

Sen. Pat Goodover

Rep. Bob Marks

Western Conference Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is composed of legislative leadership from each state and serves as the interim governing body between annual meetings. It is the primary organizational policy-setting and operational oversight body for the Conference.

Montana Members:

Sen. Pat Goodover

Rep. Bob Marks

Corrections Committee

This committee will examine the nature of increasing prison violence in the Western States by studying the multiple criminal justice system forces at work, including recent court decisions, changes in sentencing laws, inmate overcrowding and idleness, facilities' conditions, construction and security, prison personnel salaries, training and management procedures, and prisoner education and work programs.

Purpose: to improve Western States' corrections policies and institutional practices by clarifying the corrections problems in each Western State and by developing alternative policy responses to these problems, including possible regional approaches in selected areas.

Montana Members:

Sen. Allen Kolstad

Rep. William "Red" Menahan

Energy Conservation and Renewable Resources Committee

This Committee will examine the potential for state legislation to promote energy savings by analyzing residential, industrial/commercial, transportation, and utilities cost-effective programs and by analyzing/monitoring public and private sector progress in developing renewable resources (e.g., wind, hydropower, biomass, alcohol fuels).

Purpose: to encourage the increase in supply of existing energy resources through conservation and expanded renewable resource programs by evaluating and disseminating information on the most promising governmental and private sector programs.

Montana Members:

Sen. Harold L. Dover

Rep. John Vincent

Energy and Minerals Development Committee

This Committee will examine the array of new energy developments and their regional implications (e.g., Clean Air Act renewal and proposed EPA visibility regulations, the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act, the National Energy Partnership Act, the Energy Mobilization Board, and the Synfuels Corporation) and assess the conflicts and trade-offs between environmental quality, rapid population growth, resource development, and demands for water.

Purpose: to reveal the nature and consequences of these trade-offs and to develop an informed Western States' position on how to reconcile the inherent conflicts through amended statutory, regulatory and administrative policies.

Montana Members:

Sen. Steve Brown

Rep. Dennis Iverson

Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Committee

This committee will study certain provisions of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (and regulations) and examine regional risks in the generation, use, packaging, handling, storage and ultimate disposal of hazardous substances in the region.

Purpose: to develop an interstate nuclear compact for identifying and implementing a regional low-level radioactive waste siting and management system for the Western States, and to encourage

individual state legislation to lessen the danger from toxic and chemical wastes.

Montana Members:

Sen. Thomas F. Keating

Rep. Earl C. Lory

International Trade Committee

This Committee will develop information on the costs and benefits of the barriers and constraints to improved foreign trade. It will track national international trade legislation and assistance programs.

Purpose: to increase legislator knowledge of exporting problems and, working in conjunction with Western States' International Trade Directors, to develop legislation designed to expand exporting opportunities for small and middle-sized businesses in the Western States.

Montana Members:

Sen. Jan Johnson

Rep. David O'Hara

Public Lands Committee

This committee will analyze the multiple issues involved in current public lands ownership policies and management practices, including wilderness designations, in-lieu lands, rangelands management, grazing and checkerboard lands; it will identify and research specific instances where existing public lands policy is contrary to past ownership understandings and to principles of state sovereignty.

Purpose: to document particular public lands ownership and management problems and to develop alternative proposals -- state and federal -- for dealing with them.

Montana Members:

Sen. Mark Etchart

Rep. Aubyn A. Curtiss

Transportation Committee

This Committee will focus on the growing problems associated with highway funding and construction, on interstate cooperation through the Multi-State Highway Transportation Agreement, and on the transportation of hazardous materials.

Purpose: to develop alternative ways to increase western state highway funding in light of lower gas revenues; to expand the number of states participating in the Multi-State Highway Transportation Agreement; and to propose improved handling, manifesting and transportation of hazardous material.

Montana Members:

Sen. Carroll Graham

Rep. Kerry Keyser

Water Policy Committee

This Committee will track water resource allocation, quantification and adjudication developments; analyze competing demands for water resources in the West (particularly with respect to new energy projects and MX missile system developments); monitor funding of federal and state water projects; and keep abreast of national legislation affecting Western water policy.

Purpose: to establish an effective Western legislative voice in water resource policy so as to protect states' water rights.

Montana Members:

Sen. Jack Galt

Rep. Rex Manuel

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES
(NCSL)

Statutory Citation: None

The purpose of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) is to improve the quality and effectiveness of state legislatures; to assure the states a strong voice in federal decisionmaking; and to foster interstate communication and cooperation.

As the designated Commission on Interstate Cooperation, the Legislative Council appoints the Montana members of NCSL committees.

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MONTANA COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP
1981-1982

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES

Committees of the State Federal Assembly

The State Federal Assembly consisting of 10 committees, each of which may have up to 99 members, was formed to:

- 1) determine policies to guide lobby efforts and to encourage state legislative action before Congress;
- 2) provide legislators to testify before Congress;
- 3) provide legislators to serve on advisory panels; and
- 4) provide legislators to meet with White House and Executive Branch officials.

Policy positions are developed through review and investigation by each committee.

Committee on Education

Elementary and secondary education; higher education; financing for public education; adult and vocational education; special education; compensatory education; CETA; youth and manpower development and training; and other developmental programs.

Montana Members:

Sen. H. W. "Swede" Hammond

Rep. Esther Bengtson

Committee on Energy

Energy supply sources and their proper utilization; conservation of energy; renewable energy sources; energy pricing policies; power plant siting; public utility regulation.

Montana Members:

Sen. Thomas E. Towe

Rep. Joe Quilici

Committee on Government Operations

Financial concerns including intergovernmental tax and revenue issues; overall federal budget issues; fiscal assistance program; and banking and insurance issues; management concerns, including intergovernmental relations and joint administrative oversight;

labor management issues; dispute resolution; federal mandates and regulatory reform.

Montana Members:

Sen. Jack Haffey

Rep. Chuck Cozzens

Committee on Human Resources

Health care and national insurance systems; comprehensive health planning; medicaid, medicare and social security; mental health services; income maintenance programs, including food stamps and nutrition programs; welfare reform; social services; manpower programs.

Montana Members:

Sen. Judy Jacobson

Rep. Calvin Winslow

Committee on Law and Justice

Constitutional issues and amendments; criminal justice systems, including police, courts and corrections systems; standards and goals for criminal justice systems; economic crime; consumer protection programs and mechanisms; and criminal code revision.

Montana Members:

Sen. Jesse O'Hara

Rep. Michael Keedy

Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment

Air quality; water quality; hazardous waste management; solid waste management; low level radioactive waste management; water resource programs; public lands management; outdoor recreation; land resources management.

Montana Members:

Sen. Gary Lee

Rep. Gay Holliday

Committee on Pensions

PERISA; universal social security coverage; alternative pension investment strategies; the President's Commission on Pension Policy; the House Task Force on Welfare Pension Plans; and individual state assistance programs regarding pension improvement and reform.

No appointments

Committee on Rural Development

Rural development and agriculture programs; and the rural implications of many topics covered by other SFA committees, including: rural housing and health programs, increased employment opportunities and transportation facilities in rural areas, and the economic and ecological trade-offs of industrial development.

Montana Members:

Sen. Max Conover

Rep. Ted Neuman

Committee on Transportation

Air, rail, highway, and public transit systems; transportation planning in urban and rural areas, hazardous materials transportation, motor carrier regulatory reform.

Montana Members:

Sen. Pat M. Goodover

Rep. Glenn E. Jacobsen

Committee on Urban Development

Community development and housing, particularly in urban areas, economic development in urban areas; tax-exempt financing, inter-governmental fiscal affairs.

No appointments

Committees of the Assembly on the Legislature

The Assembly on the Legislature provides a forum for consideration of issues internal to state legislatures and state government. It is composed of six committees. Members of the six committees are automatically members of the Assembly. Both legislators and legislative staff are eligible for membership on the Assembly's committees. The Assembly and its six committees meet approximately three times each year, including once at the NCSL Annual Meeting.

Ethics, Elections and Reapportionment

In the coming year, the Ethics, Elections and Reapportionment Committee will continue its reapportionment work in addition to studying the issue of state legislative ethics, including financial disclosure, conflict of interest and laws regulating lobbyists. Presidential nomination and election procedures will also be a

topic for committee discussion. The Committee has published a booklet entitled "State Legislative Ethics" and recently published a book entitled Reapportionment: Law and Technology.

No appointments

Fiscal Affairs and Oversight

The Fiscal Affairs and Oversight Committee is primarily concerned with such topics as the appropriations process, revenues and taxation, legislative budget oversight mechanisms, state legislative control of federal funds, and other fiscal issues, including local government fiscal notes and tax and spending limits. The Committee has been responsible for publication of A Legislator's Guide to Oversight of Federal Funds and is currently working on A Legislator's Guide to Effective Budget Oversight.

Montana Members:

Sen. Paul Boylan

Rep. Kenneth Nordtvedt

Legislative Information Needs

The Legislative Information Needs Committee focuses on the policy research and general information needs of legislators and their staffs. In the past few years, the LIN Committee has overseen development of NCSL's computerized Legislative Information System, now in use in over half the legislatures, and conducted studies of fiscal and legal information systems. In addition to continuing these activities over the next two years, the LIN Committee has expanded its interest to include assistance with computer-assisted reapportionment in the legislatures and the uses of audio/visual technology in legislative research.

No appointments

Legislative Management

The work of the Legislative Management Committee focuses on the internal administration and procedural aspects of legislative operations, including rules and staffing. The Committee recently completed work on a publication, Strengthening the Legislative Process, which is based on 12 major recommendations. Currently the Committee is studying the various aspects of committee operations and is developing suggestions for effective management of committees in state legislatures.

Montana Members:

Diana S. Dowling, Executive Director
Sen. Bill Thomas

Rep. Bob Marks

Science and Technology

The Science and Technology Committee has focused on strengthening state legislatures' ability to deal with scientific and technological issues. It also provides guidance to the scientific and technological activities of the Conference. In the next year, a major project will be assessing state legislatures and future issues -- especially the effects of technology and social change on legislative policymaking.

No appointments

The States and the Arts

The States and the Arts Committee has been working for the past two years to investigate the needs of the arts and make recommendations on where increased state legislative support is most needed. Over 30 topic areas in the arts have been identified for detailed study and 21 recommendations have now been adopted by the Committee. These recommendations form the basis of a guidebook for legislators on supporting the arts now being prepared for early 1981 publication. Future work includes distribution of the publication, continued study and adoption of recommendations, possible development of model legislation and assistance to individual states in support of the arts.

No appointments

WESTERN STATES LEGISLATIVE FORESTRY TASK FORCE

Statutory Citation: HJR 32, 1981

The Western States Legislative Forestry Task Force is a group of legislators from Alaska, California, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming. Each session the Legislature is required to pass a resolution if it wishes to continue membership on this task force which acts as a clearinghouse of information affecting the maintenance and utilization of all forest lands in the West.

Task Force Membership:

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Rep. Joe Kanduch

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CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSIONS
ASSOCIATED WITH THE LEGISLATURE

DISTRICTING AND APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Statutory Citation: Article V, sec. 14, Montana Constitution;
Title 5, chapter 1, MCA

The Districting and Apportionment Commission (sometimes called the Reapportionment Commission) is provided for in the Constitution. The Commission is to redistrict and reapportion the state into legislative and congressional districts after each federal population census.

Commission Membership:

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MONTANA SALARY COMMISSION

Statutory Citation: Article XIII, sec. 3, Montana Constitution;
2-16-401 and 2-16-402, MCA

The eight-member Salary Commission recommends to the Legislature compensation for the Judiciary and elected members of the Legislative and Executive Branches.

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